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SUBJ: FAVORABLE FRG REACTION TO SECRETARY'S SPEECH AT  
UNCTAD IV

REF: STATE 110079

1. AMBASSADOR ROBERT, FRG FONOFF COORDINATOR FOR  
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NORTH-SOUTH QUESTIONS, TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO GET IN

TOUCH WITH THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL MINISTER TO EMPHASIZE HOW IMPRESSED HE WAS BY THE SECRETARY'S NAIROBI SPEECH.

2. ROBERT SAID THAT THE SPEECH SHOULD SERVE THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES OF THE DIALOGUE. ON THE ONE HAND IT WOULD SERVE TO MAINTAIN A POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE OF CALM BETWEEN THE LDCS AND THE DCS. SECONDLY, THE SPEECH OFFERED CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR PROGRESS TO THE LDCS. IN SUM, HE SAW THE POSSIBILITY OF A POLITICAL BREAKTHROUGH IN NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS.

3. ROBERT SAID THAT THE SPEECH BY ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIDERICH'S MIGHT, COMPARED WITH THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH, COME AS SOMETHING OF A DISAPPOINTMENT. STRESSING THAT FRIDERICH'S WAS SPEAKING NOT ONLY AS A GERMAN, BUT HEWING TO COMMUNITY POLICY, ROBERT THOUGHT THAT IT WAS "TOO EARLY" FOR THE FRG TO COME FORWARD WITH ANYTHING VERY CONCRETE.

4. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL MINISTER THANKED ROBERT FOR HIS KIND WORDS ON THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH BUT EXPRESSED HIS REGRET THAT THE FRENCH FINANCE MINISTER HAD GONE OUT OF HIS WAY AT THIS EARLY DATE TO CRITICIZE THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES BANK EVEN BEFORE ANYONE HAD ENOUGH TIME TO CONSIDER THE MATTER CAREFULLY. ROBERT SAID HE HAD NOT BEEN AWARE OF FOURCADE STATEMENT. HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE PROBLEM WHICH SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS ADDRESSING WAS IMPORTANT AND THE NEED FOR A SOLUTION HAD BEEN APPROPRIATELY UNDERLINED. EXACTLY HOW WE DO IT COULD BE APPROACHED IN SEVERAL WAYS. ROBERT ALSO SAW THE POSSIBILITY OF A WESTERN "INTEGRATED" COMMODITY PROGRAM WHICH WOULD BE INTEGRATED BUT WOULD NOT BE THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM CALLED FOR IN MANILA. HE COULD SEE THE POSSIBILITY OF CHOOSING SAY 12 COMMODITIES FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION AS A PART OF OUR PRESENTATION. HE ALSO SCOUTED THE POSSIBILITY OF ENLARGING ON WHAT WAS DONE IN JAMAICA.

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5. THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL MINISTER EXPLAINED AGAIN TO ROBERT THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT DISCARDING ANY OF THE

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SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS OUT OF HAND. EVEN IF FRG SHOULD  
HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ON US PROPOSAL, WE HOPED THE  
FRG WOULD GO VERY SLOWLY IN MAKING FINAL JUDGMENTS UNTIL  
WE HAD A CHANCE TO DISCUSS EACH PROPOSAL MORE  
THOROUGHLY.

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6. WE HAVE ALSO DRAWN ON POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL TO FILL IN HISS, CHANCELLOR'S ECONOMIC ADVISER, AND SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE FOREIGN, ECONOMICS, AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION MINISTRIES. IN THE PROCESS WE HAVE BEEN STRUCK BY AGREEMENT EXPRESSED FOR THE NEED TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUES WHICH MOTIVATED THE IRB PROPOSAL. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN STRUCK BY ABSENCE SO FAR OF HARPING ON COSTS INVOLVED IN NAIROBI PROPOSALS.

7. AT THE SAME TIME WE HAVE HAD CONCERN EXPRESSED OVER PROLIFERATION OF NEW AGENCIES WITH SUGGESTION THAT EXISTING INSTITUTIONS COULD TAKE OVER MANY OF THE PROBLEMS. WE HAVE IN RESPONSE POINTED OUT IT IS NOT OUR INTENTION TO DISMANTLE EXISTING INSTITUTIONS.

8. THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESS DURING THE STRIKE PERIOD HAS REMOVED NAIROBI FROM THE PUBLIC ARENA EXCEPT FOR RADIO AND TV.

9. COMMENT: THERE ARE OBVIOUSLY STILL A NUMBER OF DETAILS TO BE FILLED IN ON MANY OF THE PROPOSALS IN THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH. IN SPITE OF RESERVATIONS WE HEAR ON THE PROLIFERATION OF INSTITUTIONS WE BELIEVE THE FRG IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE MERITS OF EACH AND IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO ENGAGE THE GERMANS REGULARLY IN A DIALOGUE ON THIS BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES.  
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